STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

I met this morning with the Bipartisan leadership -- the Speaker, the Senate Majority Leader, the Senate Republican Leader, the House Majority Leader, and the House Republican Leader -- to review the status of the deficit-reduction negotiations.

It is clear to me that both the size of the deficit problem and the need for a package that can be enacted require all of the following: entitlement and mandatory program reform; tax revenue increases; growth incentives; discretionary spending reductions; orderly reductions in defense expenditures; and budget process reform -- to assure that any Bipartisan agreement is enforceable and that the deficit problem is brought under responsible control. The Bipartisan leadership agree with me on these points.

The budget negotiations will resume promptly with a view toward reaching substantive agreement as quickly as possible.

June 26, 1990

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Greg or I you can

at 328-2000 ext

Richard

MEMORANDUM

TO: SENATOR DOLE

FR: GREG SCHNACKE

DA: JUNE 25, 1990

RE: BOWLING PROPRIETORS SPEECH

AS YOU KNOW, THE SPEECH BEGINS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE INVOCATION AND THE PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS, (SET TO START AT 9 AM). THERE WILL BE 1500-1800 PEOPLE AT THE SPEECH (APPROXIMATELY 16 KANSANS - SEE ATTACHED LIST). YOU WILL BE INTRODUCED BY DON HILLMAN, CALIFORNIA, PRESIDENT BOWLING PROPRIETOR'S ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA.

I AM TOLD BY ROBERT HERBOLSHEIMER, WHO REPRESENTS THEM HERE IN WASHINGTON, THAT THIS IS PRIMARILY A CONSERVATIVE, REPUBLICAN CROWD. THEY ARE INTERESTED IN BUSINESS ISSUES, INCLUDING MANDATED PARENTAL AND MEDICAL LEAVE, AND THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY IN GENERAL.

HERBOLSHEIMER WILL MEET YOU AT THE SHERATON-WASHINGTON CONVENTION CENTER ENTRANCE. IN ADDITION, JOHN CRUM, WICHITA, AND MARILYN MILLER, KANSAS CITY, LEADERS OF THE KANSAS ASSOCIATION WILL BE THERE AS WELL TO WALK IN WITH YOU.



Tuesday-June 26

JOMA BOWLING COMPANY

June 19, 1990

Senator Robert Dole 141 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Dole,

The Kansas delegation to the Annual Convention of the Bowling Proprietor's Association of America is extremely proud that you will be giving the keynote address to open the convention. Kansas has a rich bowling tradition. Loa Boxberger of Russell, Kansas is a nationally known professional woman bowler. Also Rick Steelsmith of Wichita is considered by many to be one of the outstanding young professionals on tour today. At the collegiate level, Wichita State University, can claim many national titles. The WSU womens team is the 1989 National Collegiate Champions. The 1988 Olympics were well represented in bowling by Mark Lewis of Wichita, although only an exhibition sport, the industry is pushing toward a medal sport for 1992.

As you can see from these brief highlights Kansas has much to be proud of in its bowling accomplishments. The following is a list of those Kansans who will be attending the Bowling Proprietors Association of America convention.

Ray & Lila Shearmire - Garden City
Bob & Charlene Dodd - Junction City
Conrad & Marilyn Miller - Kansas City
Bob & Becky Johannes - Kansas City
Steve & Pam Heffley - Kansas City
Dale & Doris Frazier - Wichita
John & Martha Ann Crum - Wichita
Frank & Cathy DeSocio - Wichita

Once again we are all very pleased that you will be giving the keynote address and look forward to hearing you.

Sincerely, June L

John L. Crum, Jr.

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BOB DOLE

United States Senate

OFFICE OF THE REPUBLICAN LEADER
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-7020

June 8, 1990

Senator,

Their meetings do not begin until 8:30 a.m. Their convention begins Tues. morning, June 26. They would like to have you speak at the opening on Tuesday morning at 9:15.

o.k. - Tues 9:15

try to schedule at another time on Wed, Thurs, or Fri
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The Honorable Robert Dole United States Senate 141 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Dole:

On behalf of Don Hillman, the President of the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America (BPAA), and all of the members of the BPAA, we want to thank you for your willingness to address our 58th Annual Convention. We also appreciate the kind coordination that Yvonne Hopkins of your staff has provided on this invitation.

We are very much looking forward to your remarks, which will begin at approximately 9:15AM, Tuesday June 26, 1990, following the presentation of the colors and the National Anthem. The convention will be held at the Sheraton Washington on Connecticut Avenue.

As you are the only speaker from Capitol Hill who will be addressing the convention, you will be providing a keynote address. You will be introduced by BPAA President Hillman, and are invited to provide 15-25 minutes of general remarks about current business and economic issues facing you and your colleagues in the Senate. Nearly every member of the BPAA is a small businessman who is concerned about excessive governmental intrusion into the operations of their businesses and about mandated governmental benefits. All of us are also very interested in general economic trends and other issues which affect the security of our country and welfare of our citizens. We are not planning to have a question and answer period.

I will provide your staff with logistical and other arrangements, as well as with additional background on the Bowling Proprietors' Association. I will also plan to meet you at the entrance to the Sheraton and escort you to the convention hall. In the meantime, if you or your staff have any questions regarding this engagement, I can be reached at 202-463-4327.

MANATT, PHELPS, ROTHENBERG & PHILLIPS

The Honorable Robert Dole June 19, 1990 Page 2

We are thrilled at your willingness to speak to the members of the BPAA. Many thanks again and warmest regards.

Sincerely

Robert T. Herbolsheimer

cc: Yvonne Hopkins

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Profile of a Dynamic Market

BOWLING Page 8 of 53



One of the most popular participation sports in America

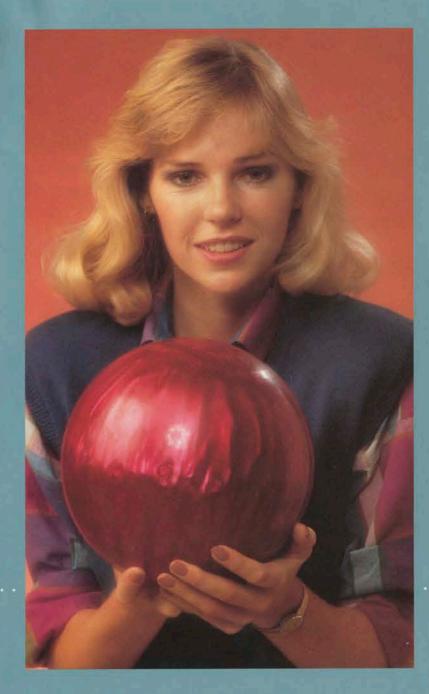
f you are marketing products or services with broad-based appeal, take a good look at bowling as a marketing tool. Whether your target market is youth, active adults or seniors; upscale or budget conscious; white collar or blue; bowling provides access to, and a common point of recognition for, millions of people.

Take advantage of the nationwide popularity of bowling in your next advertising or promotion campaign.

Tie-in to thousands of bowling centers across the country in a joint promotion, or to millions of competitive bowlers in a tournament sponsorship.

Use bowling as a theme, or a new state-of-the-art bowling center as a background for your next television commercial.

Bowling will make a difference in your next marketing effort and the National Bowling Council can help you get it rolling!





Bowling is popular nationwide and year-round

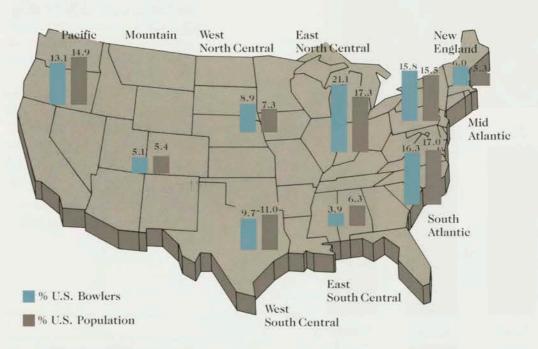
ecause bowling is an indoor, all-weather sport, you will find bowlers throughout the country, in small towns and large, along the lines of the general population. Bowling has a nationwide year-round appeal—unlike some participant sports which can only be played under specific conditions.

If you want nationwide year-round exposure, bowling has it. Anytime, anywhere people want to have fun and enjoy the relaxation and competition of sport, a bowling center is just a short distance away.

Sources: Market Facts, 1989 U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census Series P-25, #1024, 1989

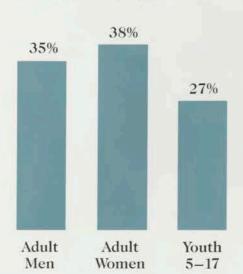


Geographic Region





Market Balance



One of every three Americans bowls

his massive participant sport is enjoyed by one out of every three men, women, and children in the country today. In fact, 9 out of every 10 Americans have bowled at least once in their lifetime.

There are 71 million bowlers who visit thousands of neighborhood bowling centers across the nation at least once each year. Those 71 million men, women and children bowl an average of 10.8 times per year . . . That's 766.8 million visits this year alone, or about 15 million visits every week!

Source: Market Facts, Inc., 1989.

Bowling is a massive organized market

owling isn't just one of the most popular sports in America, it is also one of the most organized.

Seven million youth, adults and seniors regularly participate in hundreds of thousands of sanctioned leagues throughout the country.

Sources: American Bowling Congress, 1989 Women's International Bowling Congress, 1989 Young American Bowling Alliance, 1989



League Bowling

Total

Adult Men Le	ague Bowlers:	3	million
Adult Women	League Bowlers:	3	million
Youth League	Bowlers:	1	million

7 million

DEM GRAPHICS

Bowlers constitute a huge market with real purchasing power

owlers form a massive market segment. Their incomes, education, household size, and lifestyles make them heavy consumers of a wide variety of products and services. Most bowlers are very enthusiastic about their sport and relate strongly and positively to bowling promotions and media depictions of the sport.

America's bowlers...Once you see their attractive income, occupation, and education demographics, you'll know why bowlers are the great American market.







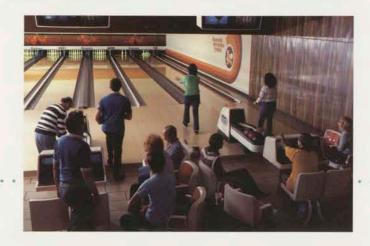
Bowlers offer attractive demographics

merica's bowlers represent an attractive market. They offer a broad spectrum of consumer characteristics in terms of who they are, where they live, and how much they earn. Bowlers are younger, more affluent and better educated than the national average.

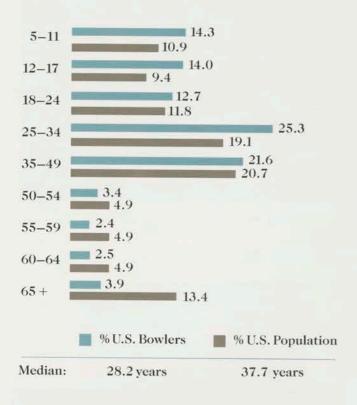
Sources: Market Facts, 1989 U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 1989

Bowler Profile

Profile	U.S. Bowlers	U.S. Population
Median Age	28.2 yrs.	37.7 yrs.
18-34	38.0%	30.9%
18-49	59.6%	51.6%
25-49	46.9%	39.8%
Income		
Households with Income		
\$35,000 +	47.0%	35.7%
Median Household Income	\$33,300	\$25,986
Education Level Attained		
Graduated/Attended College	52.7%	36.7%
High School Graduate	93.7%	75.9%
Occupation		
Professional Specialty	17.9%	12.3%
Executive/Administrative/		
Managerial	14.3%	11.4%
Households		
Married	74.6%	59.1%
Own Home	75.9%	63.9%
Mean Household Size	3.5 persons	2.6 persons







Bowling is popular with all age groups

owling is a life-time sport that knows no age barrier. All ages enjoy the relaxation and sociability of the game through leagues as well as casual bowling.

The majority of league and casual bowlers fall into the 18–49 age category—the people who purchase the bulk of the products and services sold in the United States. Bowlers represent a very important, and lucrative, mass market.

Heart of the Market

are aged 18-34
are aged 18-49
are aged 25-49

Sources: Market Facts, 1989 U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census Series P-25, #1022, 1989

Bowlers exceed the national average in income

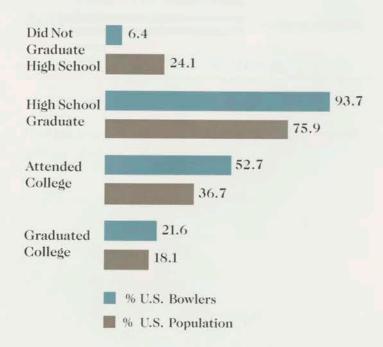
hen it comes to income, bowlers do quite well. Their median household income is \$33,300, more than \$7,300 higher than the U.S. median. Forty-seven percent have annual household incomes over \$35,000 and 24 percent over \$50,000. Because of their numbers and solid incomes, purchasing power is one reason bowlers are the great American market.

Sources: Market Facts, 1989 U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census Housing Division, 1989

Total Annual Household Income



Education Level Attained



Bowlers are better educated than the national average

oday, three out of every ten adults in the United States have some college training. When bowlers are singled out, research shows that five out of every ten have some college training. Bowlers also exceed the national average in the percentage of college graduates in their ranks.

Sources: Market Facts, 1989 U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census Series P-20, #428, 1989









Bowlers come from all walks of life

A lthough one-third of adult bowlers are managers or professionals, you'll find people from all walks of life at a bowling center. In fact, ask the people in your office and you'll probably find that you're working with a bowler.

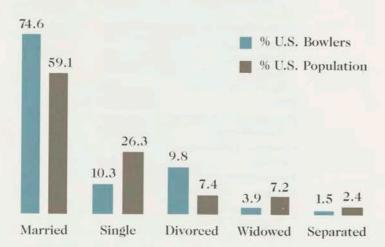
Sources: Market Facts, 1989 U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Labor Statistics, 1989

Occupation

	% U.S. Bowlers	% U.S Population
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Professional Specialty	17.9	12.3
Executive/Administrative/ Managerial	14.3	11.4
Administrative Support including Clerical	30.1	15.8
Sales	9.7	12.2
Precision Production/ Craft/Repair	3.5	11.5
Operator/Fabricator/		
Laborer	6.2	15.8
Farming/Forestry/Fishing	1.1	3.2
Service	12.7	14.5
Technician/Related	ename.	
Support/Other	4.5	3.1



Marital Status



Bowlers are family-oriented

owlers' family orientation shows up in their households... and household purchases. Of course these statistics are to be expected, since bowling appeals to families as a sport in which both young and old can compete and enjoy a relaxing pastime together.

A majority of the adult bowlers in the U.S. are married. Three-fourths of the bowling households boast three or more members. Bowlers also provide a stable market, with 76 percent of bowlers owning their homes.

Sources: Market Facts, 1989 U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census Series P-20, #433, 1989



Household Size

Size	% U.S. Bowlers	% U.S. Population
1	8.5	24.0
2 3 4	18.2	32.2
3	20.9	17.7
	29.7	15.5
5	14.4	6.7
6 7 +	5.9	2.4
7 +	2.3	1.4
MEAN	3.5 persons	2.6 persons

Home Ownership

Ownership	% U.S. Bowlers	% U.S. Population
Own	75.9	63.9
Do Not Own	24.1	36.1

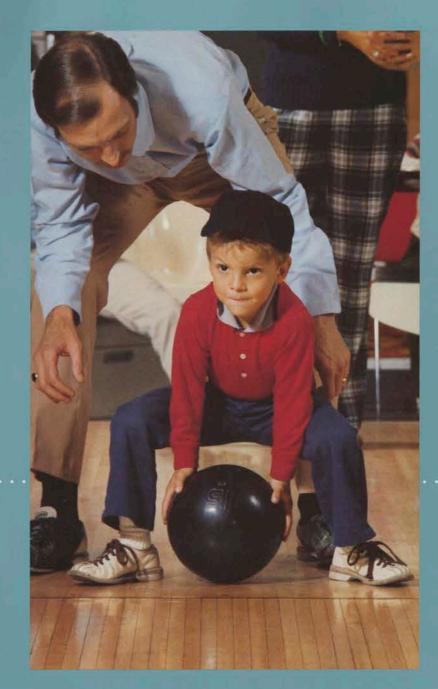


Sources: Market Facts, 1989 U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census Series P-20, #437, 1989 Whatever your product or service, investigate bowlers...

The Great American Market

Sources: Data for this profile was gathered from a sample of 15,000 demographically-balanced, nationally representative households. The bowling participation of 26,171 persons was surveyed to provide this profile of persons 5 years of age and older, who have bowled one or more times in the past year.

If you have any questions not answered by this profile, contact the National Bowling Council. We have been the marketing arm of the sport since 1943, and have helped scores of companies improve their bottom line through bowling.



NATIONAL BOWLING COUNCIL

1919 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20006 (202) 659-9070

TALKING POINTS BOWLING PROPRIETORS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

IT IS A PLEASURE TO BE
HERE. I AM GLAD TO SEE A
LARGE NUMBER OF KANSANS
WHO ARE ATTENDING THE
BOWLING PROPRIETORS
CONVENTION. IT IS
PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT FOR

ME TO BE IN FRONT OF A GROUP THAT IS A BELLWETHER OF THE ECONOMY LIKE THIS INDUSTRY. THE FACT IS WE ALL KNOW THAT PEOPLE TEND TO SPEND LESS MONEY ON ENTERTAINMENT IN TIMES OF ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTY. AND WITH AN INDUSTRY AS BIG AS YOURS IS, THAT CAN MEAN FINANCIAL DISASTER.

THIS IS AN EXCITING TIME TO BE ALIVE. EVERYWHERE YOU TURN THE SOUND OF FREEDOM RINGS. EASTERN EUROPE, RUSSIA, CENTRAL AMERICA - IT MAY BE THE WORLD WE'VE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR - THE COLLAPSE OF COMMUNISM AND THE DISINTEGRATION OF THE 'EVIL EMPIRE'—— BUT I'M NOT SURE IT IS A WORLD WE ARE

PREPARED TO DEAL WITH.

THE SOVIET UNION THESE LESSONS HAVE CERTAINLY NOT BEEN LOST ON MR. GORBACHEV. WHILE WE WANT HIM TO SURVIVE, WE ALSO WANT HIM TO CONTINUE ON HIS CURRENT COURSE. THE EVENTS IN LITHUANIA ARE PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT.

WHO KNOWS WHERE THINGS WILL BE IN SIX MONTHS. WE ARE HOPEFUL NEITHER HE NOR ANY SUCCESSOR WILL REVERSE THESE POSITIVE EVENTS. THE GENIE IS OUT OF THE BOTTLE: THE SOVIET EMPIRE -- THE WARSAW PACT -- IS DEAD. NEVERTHELESS, AS TEMPTING AS IT IS TO LOOK FOR LARGE SAVINGS IN THE

DEFENSE BUDGET, WE NEED TO MAINTAIN AN ORDERLY PROCESS WHEN IT COMES TO PLANNING OUR MILITARY STRATEGY FOR THE NEXT CENTURY. BEFORE WE BEGIN UNILATERALLY WITHDRAWING TROOPS FROM EUROPE, WE NEED A CONVENTIONAL FORCES AGREEMENT THAT IS MUTUAL AND VERIFIABLE. AND THIS IS

NOT THE TIME TO BEGIN WRITING CHECKS TO GORBACHEV AS DICK GEPHARDT SUGGESTS. IF WE ARE TO HELP GORBACHEV SUCCEED, WE SHOULD DEMAND THAT THE SOVIETS QUIT POURING BILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF MILITARY AID INTO TOTALITARIAN REGIMES SUCH AS CUBA, SYRIA, ANGOLA AND THE

PUPPET GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN.

SO MY RESPONSE IS: IF
GORBACHEV NEEDS SOME
READY CASH, HE CAN ASK FOR
A REFUND FROM CASTRO, NOT
A HAND—OUT FROM UNCLE
SAM.

EASTERN EUROPE

IN EASTERN EUROPE, THE PACE OF CHANGE HAS BEEN BREATHTAKING. SIX MONTHS AGO, AN INDIVIDUALS CHANCES OF RISING TO POWER DEPENDED ON HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNIST PARTY: NOW IT'S THE NUMBER OF YEARS SPENT IN A COMMUNIST JAIL. I HAPPENED TO BE IN

POLAND LAST SUMMER ON THE DAY THE MAZOWIECKI GOVERNMENT TOOK POWER. THERE WERE ONLY THREE OR FOUR PEOPLE IN THE ROOM WHO HAD ANY EXPERIENCE GOVERNING. IT WAS LIKE SEEING THE FOUNDING FATHERS - AND THIS IS THE SENIOR GOVERNMENT IN EASTERN EUROPE.

NOW THAT FREEDOM HAS WON. THE NEW DEMOCRACIES MUST PICK UP THE PIECES -POLITICALLY AND ECONOMICALLY. THERE ARE STILL SOME TOUGH CHALLENGES AHEAD - AND I AM THINKING ABOUT WHAT IS GOING ON INSIDE THE SOVIET UNION TODAY - BUT CLEARLY THE MAP OF EUROPE IS CHANGING

BEFORE OUR VERY EYES. NOT ONLY WILL THERE BE AN ECONOMIC UNION OF THE NATIONS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY IN TWO YEARS, THERE MAY BE A POLITICAL UNION OF THE TWO GERMANY'S IN AS MANY MONTHS.

GERMAN UNIFICATION WILL
HAVE PROFOUND IMPLICATIONS
FOR THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY,

FOR NATO AND FOR THE PEACE AND STABILITY OF EUROPE. CERTAINLY THE UNITED STATES SHOULD WELCOME THESE CHANGES, BUT WE MUST ALSO BE PREPARED TO MEET THE POLITICAL CHALLENGES AND SEIZE THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES WHICH WILL ARISE. WE MUST INSIST THAT AMERICA AND AMERICAN

BUSINESS REMAIN ALLIES AND PARTNERS IN THE NEW EUROPE.

IN ADDITION, WE MUST NOT IGNORE COMPETITIVENESS AT HOME. LAST MAY, AT THE SUGGESTION OF SENATOR DANFORTH, I CONVENED A TASK FORCE OF REPUBLICAN SENATORS TO ADDRESS THOSE BARRIERS WHICH ARE WITHIN CONTROL OF THE FEDERAL

GOVERNMENT. WE ARE NOT LOOKING TO ESTABLISH AN INDUSTRIAL POLICY. LIKE MOST OF YOU WE BELIEVE THAT PROTECTIONISM AND GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION IN THE MARKETPLACE CREATE OBSTACLES TO COMPETITIVENESS BY RAISING THE COST OF CAPITAL AND MATERIALS FOR U.S.

MANUFACTURERS.

NEVERTHELESS, WE RECOGNIZE THAT AMERICA NEEDS LEADERSHIP AND COORDINATION IN ITS TRADE AND ECONOMIC POLICIES. OUR TASK FORCE AIMS TO ESTABLISH THOSE PRIORITIES. OUR INITIAL FOCUS HAS BEEN ON THE WAYS IN WHICH GOVERNMENT IMPEDES COMPETITIVENESS —— WHETHER

THROUGH ANTI-TRUST LAWS, TAX POLICY OR EXCESSIVE REGULATION. THE TASK FORCE HAS ALREADY RECOMMENDED TAX INCENTIVES FOR RESEARCH, EDUCATION, SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT, PRODUCT LIABILITY REFORM, ANTI-TRUST REFORM, FEDERAL COORDINATION OF STRATEGIC TECHNOLOGIES AND STREAMLINED PUBLIC/PRIVATE

PARTNERSHIPS TO TRANSFORM
FEDERAL RESEARCH DISCOVERIES
INTO NEW PRODUCTS AND
SERVICES.

THE BUDGET

LET ME SHIFT A MOMENT

TO A SUBJECT THAT SHOULD BE

OF INTEREST TO ANYONE WHO

OWNS A BUSINESS: THE BUDGET

DEFICIT.

AS YOU MAY HAVE HEARD, CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION ARE INVOLVED IN VERY IMPORTANT AND COMPLEX NEGOTIATIONS ON THE BUDGET. I WOULD MAKE ONE OBSERVATION ABOUT THE SO-CALLED 'BUDGET SUMMIT': EVERYONE APPEARS TO BE IN AGREEMENT THAT THE FEDERAL BUDGET DEFICIT IS 'PUBLIC

ENEMY NUMBER ONE'.

INTEREST ON THE DEBT IS APPROACHING \$200 BILLION A YEAR, TWICE AS MUCH AS THE ENTIRE FEDERAL BUDGET WHEN I WAS FIRST ELECTED TO CONGRESS. AND SOMETIME IN JULY, WE WILL HAVE TO PASS A BILL TO INCREASE THE DEBT LIMIT AGAIN --

TO SOMETHING WELL OVER \$3

TRILLION DOLLARS — THAT'S

TRILLION WITH A 'T'.

IN 1991, WE WILL HAVE TO LOOK AT BUDGET CUTS TOTALLING AT LEAST \$50 BILLION DOLLARS TO MAKE A SERIOUS DENT IN THE DEFICIT. EVEN FOR A BLOATED AND WASTEFUL CONGRESS, \$50 BILLION IS NOT PEANUTS. LAST YEAR FOR EXAMPLE, WE SPENT 10 MONTHS AND DEVOTED SIXTY PERCENT OF OUR ROLL CALL VOTES IN THE SENATE TO REDUCE THE DEFICIT BY ONLY \$16 BILLION DOLLARS. AND TO DO THAT WE HAD TO MOVE A MILITARY PAY DATE INTO THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR AND COUNT \$500 MILLION IN 'LOST' FOOD STAMPS AS BUDGET SAVINGS.

WE EVEN NEEDED FOUR MONTHS
OF AUTOMATIC, ACROSS—THE—
BOARD, GRAMM—RUDMAN CUTS.

TAXES

THIS YEAR, EVERYTHING IS
ON THE TABLE: SPENDING CUTS,
ENTITLEMENT REFORM,
AMENDMENTS TO THE BUDGET
PROCESS AND NEW TAXES.
ALTHOUGH THE REPUBLICAN

NEGOTIATORS AGREE WITH THE PRESIDENT THAT IT IS BEST TO REDUCE THE DEFICIT THROUGH SPENDING CUTS, RATHER THAN NEW TAXES, ONE REVENUE INCREASE WE ALL SUPPORT IS A CUT IN THE MAXIMUM CAPITAL GAINS TAX RATE. IT IS STILL HIGH ON THE PRESIDENT'S PRIORITY LIST AND IT HAS THE SUPPORT OF BOTH THE

MAJORITY OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE. THE PRICE FOR CAPITAL GAINS RELIEF MAY BE A SAVINGS INCENTIVE, AS PROPOSED BY THE PRESIDENT, OR AN EXPANDED IRA, AS PROPOSED BY SEVERAL SENATORS.

GRAMM-RUDMAN
FINALLY, I DO NOT AGREE WITH

THOSE WHO ARE CALLING FOR A REPEAL OF GRAMM-RUDMAN-HOLLINGS. ALTHOUGH I DO SHARE THE FRUSTRATION WITH THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET PROCESS. WITHOUT THE DISCIPLINE OF THE GRAMM-RUDMAN-HOLLINGS LAW AND ITS SEQUESTER THREAT, THERE WOULD BE NOTHING TO FORCE DEMOCRATS TO THE TABLE NEXT YEAR, OR TO STOP THE

CONGRESS FROM RETURNING TO

ITS OLD FREE—SPENDING HABITS

AFTER THE DEAL EXPIRES.

WE ALSO NEED TO BE
LOOKING AT WAYS TO
IMPROVE THE DISCIPLINE
GRAMM—RUDMAN BRINGS TO
THE BUDGET PROCESS BY
INVOLVING THE PRESIDENT IN
THE PROCESS BY PROVIDING A

LINE-ITEM VETO OR ENHANCED RECISION AUTHORITY TO ELIMINATE WASTE IN CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAMS. MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, WE NEED A TWO-YEAR BUDGET CYCLE SO THAT CONGRESS CAN DEVOTE TIME TO OTHER NATIONAL PRIORITIES.

MANDATED PARENTAL & MEDICAL LEAVE

I KNOW MANY OF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THE OUTCOME OF THE DEBATE ON FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE. AS SOME OF YOU KNOW, THE HOUSE & SENATE APPROVED THE FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT AND SENT IT TO THE PRESIDENT WHO IS EXPECTED TO VETO THE BILL.

WHILE I SUPPORT THE CONCEPT OF FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE, I AM CONCERNED THAT IT IS NOT IN YOUR BEST INTEREST TO HAVE CONGRESS OUT THERE MANDATING EMPLOYEE BENEFITS. WE ALL KNOW THAT BUSINESS, AND PARTICULARLY SMALL BUSINESS, CAN ALLOCATE ONLY

A CERTAIN DOLLAR AMOUNT PER EMPLOYEE FOR BENEFITS. LEAVE PROGRAMS, SUCH AS THIS, ONLY FORCE BUSINESS TO REALLOCATE FINANCIAL RESOURCES THAT DO NOT NECESSARILY FIT THE PRIORITIES OF YOU THE EMPLOYER. FOR INSTANCE, OUR PRIORITY MAY BE TO PROVIDE OLDER EMPLOYEES LONG—TERM HEALTH INSURANCE OR PENSIONS; FOR YOUNGER WORKERS, IT MIGHT BE CHILD CARE OR SEVERANCE BENEFITS.

AND YET, WHAT THIS BILL
DOES IS TELL ALL WORKERS
THAT FAMILY AND MEDICAL
LEAVE IS A PRIORITY TO THE
EXCLUSIVE DETRIMENT OF OTHER
BENEFITS THAT YOU MAY WANT
TO OFFER.

CONCLUSION BECAUSE THIS IS AN ELECTION YEAR, BIPARTISAN COOPERATION IN THE CONGRESS MAY BECOME MORE AND MORE DIFFICULT. NEVERTHELESS, I BELIEVE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO AGREE ON WHAT I HAVE CALLED THE FIVE C'S: CHILD CARE, CAMPAIGN

FINANCE REFORM, A CRIME PACKAGE, CAPITAL GAINS RELIEF AND CLEAN AIR. I ENCOURAGE YOU TO GET INVOLVED WITH YOUR ASSOCIATION EVERY CHANCE YOU GET. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT MEMBERS OF CONGRESS GET YOUR VIEWS DIRECTLY AND HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET YOUR OPINIONS BEFORE VOTES

ARE CAST. AGAIN, IT HAS
BEEN A PLEASURE TO BE HERE.
GOOD LUCK TO ALL OF YOU IN
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